

Mr. Reaves, chairman of the committee on engrossed bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, the following bills—viz:

A bill for the relief of John White;

A bill for the relief of Jim Shaw, a Delaware Indian; and

A joint resolution providing for the removal of the remains of the late Stephen F. Austin, for interment in the State burial ground at the city of Austin.

A bill concerning certain lands in Austin's second colony, and the colony of Austin and Williams; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Dauey, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to incorporate the Jefferson and Western Plank Road company; read second time; and on motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to incorporate the Jefferson and Tyler Plank Road company; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to amend an act incorporating the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railway company; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Gray, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Miller moved to suspend the rule which prohibits the reconsideration of a vote to reconsider.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, January 20, 1853.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Fontaine—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of George W. Wright; referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Eddy, from the committee on Internal Improvements, reported back a bill to amend an act incorporating the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railway company, with amendments, and recommended their adoption and the passage of the bill.

Mr. Fruit, chairman of the committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to which were referred a bill to incorporate the Trinity Turnpike company, and a bill to amend the road law, reported the same back, and recommended their passage.

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the committee on Private Land

Claims, reported back a bill for the relief of the heirs of Stacy Daily, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill to incorporate the city of Indiana; read first time.

Mr. Grimes introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of Mathew Burnet; read first time.

Mr. Scott introduced a bill to authorize Silas M. Grace to adopt John Cotton, Elizabeth Cotton and Thomas Cotton as his lawful heirs; read first time.

Mr. Taylor introduced a bill to incorporate the town of Mount Pleasant; read first time.

Mr. Armstrong introduced a bill to amend an act to regulate proceedings in the district courts; read first time.

Mr. Meusebach presented the petition of F. Girard, referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Hill offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, many measures of much magnitude and importance relative to the adoption of a general system of Internal improvements by the construction of railroads and the improvements of our rivers; the adoption of some general system of Banking, and any others, have been brought before the present Legislation, and whereas, from various considerations it is deemed inexpedient to extend the present extraordinary session, the time that necessarily will be required for that full, calm and deliberate consideration and action which the importance of these various measures demand, before being incorporated as a part of the policy of the State. And whereas, we further believe that the interests of the State will not materially suffer by the people of the State reflecting upon and freely discussing these subjects, up to the time of the next general election.

Therefore, resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that we now take up the bill to apportion the Senators and Representatives of the Legislature among the several counties of the State, and that this subject, in addition to the classification of this body and such appropriations as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the present session, be the only business entertained by the Senate during the present session, unless by a vote of four fifths of the members present.

Mr. Gray made the following report:

The committee on the Judiciary have considered a bill concerning offences committed by negroes." It is substantially the same bill recommended by the committee and passed by the Senate at the regular session. As a basis for a criminal code for

negroes, the committee recommend it, though fully aware that it is imperfect in detail. The necessity for some measure of the kind is so imperative that we deem it far better to secure an imperfect law which may be amended, than to incur the evils resulting from having none.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The subject before the Senate on its adjournment was the motion of Mr. Miller, to suspend the rule which prohibits the consideration of a vote to reconsider; which motion was lost.

Mr. Bigelow presented the petition of sundry citizens of Brownsville, praying for a charter for a railroad; referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Dancy introduced a joint resolution relating to the action of the United States Congress with regard to the reserved five millions of United States bonds and the Texas debt; read first time

The report of the committee on Public Lands, offering a substitute for a bill to repeal an act relating to lands in Peters' Colony, was read, and on motion of Mr. Grimes, the report was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

The question before the Senate was on the adoption of the substitute offered by the committee on Public Lands, for a bill to repeal an act relating to lands in Peters' Colony.

On motion of Mr. Bogart, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, January 21, 1853.

The Senate was called to order by the President *pro tem.*, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sheehan—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of C. B. Stewart, on behalf of the owners of Calvin Lynch's third league of land; referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Hart presented the petition of A. Morgan; referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.